

# Petitions Seek to Remove Freeway Routes

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**PRESENT AWARD . . .** Ralph Marzullo (center), chairman of the Torrance Family YMCA's 21st annual Good Neighbor breakfast, pins a corsage on the 1968 Good Neighbor, Mrs. Clara Conner, while Dr. Rollin R. Smith, former chairman of the YMCA board, watches, Mrs. Conner, honored by the 'Y' at a breakfast Saturday, had left the breakfast early and was not on hand to receive the award. Presentations were made Monday afternoon in special ceremonies at the YMCA. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Good Neighbor

# Mrs. Clara Conner Given 'Y' Trophy

Mrs. Clara Conner, retired postmaster of Torrance, was named the 1968 Good Neighbor Saturday morning during the Torrance Family YMCA's 21st annual Good Neighbor breakfast.

Mrs. Conner had left the breakfast early and was not on hand when the announcement was made.

Presentation of the perpetual Al (Pop) Turner trophy was made Monday afternoon in ceremonies at the YMCA. Dr. Rollin Smith,

former chairman of the "Y" board, and Ralph Marzullo, breakfast chairman, made the presentation.

**MRS. CONNER** became acting postmaster here in 1949 following the death of her husband, Earl Conner, who had held the post for some 14 years. She was appointed postmaster by President Harry S. Truman and held the position until her retirement about two years ago.

She was honored by the YMCA for her constant involvement in community projects and for her ability to "sell leaders of this community with the need to become involved."

She is a charter member of the Torrance Family YMCA board and has been an annual contributor to the "Y" program. Mrs. Conner also is a charter member of the Torrance YWCA board and currently serves on the YWCA board.

**SHE ALSO** has been active in the Red Cross for some 35 years, heading the annual fund drive in Torrance on numerous occasions, and has worked for more than 20 years with the Sisters of (See **AWARD**, Page A-2)

# Public Hearing Set on Charter Review Report

## Two Petitions Circulating in Torrance Area

Two petitions aimed at putting a stop to the proposed Torrance freeway are currently being circulated by area residents known as "South Bay Citizens for Community Action."

One of the petitions, being

circulated only in Torrance, is directed toward getting the City Council to reverse its endorsement of the "red-dash-red" route of the freeway, and to oppose any freeway.

The other petition, being circulated throughout the area, is addressed to Governor Ronald Reagan, State Senator Ralph Dills, and Assemblymen L. E. Townsend and Bob Beverly. It urges state officials to remove the Torrance freeway from the master freeway plan.

**GROUP** leaders, two of whom live in the path of the proposed red-dash-red route, claim to have more than 800 signatures on their petitions. They have found volunteers to circulate the second petition in Redondo Beach and Harbor City, as well as Torrance.

Spearheading the anti-freeway movement are Steve Lewis, 21317 Marjorie Ave.; Bill Thomas, 21921 Marjorie Ave.; and Andy Pollastrini, 21402 Marjorie Ave.

Group leaders are also claiming that the formal state hearing on the freeway, held Oct. 10, was illegal. They contend the red-dash-red route was proposed at the last minute and was not given sufficient advance publicity so that dissenters could prepare a case against it.

**THE** red-dash-red route varies slightly from the proposed red route where it crosses Sepulveda Boulevard. The red-dash-red route cuts through the area of Riviera Hospital, which will be torn down soon anyway, and bypasses about 100 homes in the Torrance (See **FREWAY**, Page A-2)



DR. HERMAN OHME

## North High Gets New Principal

Dr. Herman Ohme, vice principal of Culver City High School has been named principal of North High School, effective Nov. 1.

Dr. Ohme succeeds Dr. Richard Guengerich, who was recently promoted to the position of assistant superintendent. Serving as acting principal until Dr. Ohme assumes his new post is Eugene McCusker, vice principal.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., the 43-year-old educator received his early schooling in Pennsylvania. While enrolled at Pennsylvania State College, he was drafted to serve in the United States Army.

**UPON** his discharge, he resumed his education at the University of California at Los Angeles, receiving his bachelor of arts degree in 1948.

Dr. Ohme served as a teaching assistant at UCLA and at Yale University. He was awarded his master's degree from UCLA in 1950.

Prior to entering the (See **PRINCIPAL**, Page A-2)

## Major Changes Recommended By Committee

A tentative draft of a proposed new city charter which calls for major change in the structure of Torrance municipal government has been submitted to the city's Charter Review Committee.

Public hearings on the massive document are scheduled for Monday, Nov. 4, in the City Council Chambers. The hearing will get underway at 7:30 p.m., according to Larry Bowman, chairman of the Charter Review Committee.

The draft charter, as recommended by the committee, would relegate the City Council to a purely policy-making role and concentrate virtually all of the day-to-day operations of the city in the office of the city manager or in the hands of other city commissions.

**MAJOR** provisions of the draft charter include:

- Combining of elections for members of the City Council and the Torrance Board of Education.
- Holding municipal primary elections, to be called 21 days prior to a general municipal election.
- Retention of the present seven-man city council, with direct election of the mayor for a four-year term.
- Expansion of the Board of Education from five to seven members.
- Appointment, by the city manager, of a city clerk and city treasurer.
- Payment of salaries of \$400 per month to councilmen and \$600 per month to the mayor.
- Formation of a joint City-School District Advisory Committee to coordinate op-

eration of the city and public schools.

• Establishment of a Land Adjustment Board which would have both original and final jurisdiction in all appeals for relief from zoning codes.

• Establishment of a Personal Appeals Board which would have jurisdiction in appeals relating to the suspension, demotion, or removal of city employees. Decisions of the board would be binding.

**IN ADDITION**, the proposed charter contains a "conflict of interest" provision which would require any city official who has a direct financial interest in any matter before him to disclose that interest and abstain from the proceedings.

Most controversial sections of the proposed charter are those which would provide for the appointment of a city clerk and a city treasurer and which establish the Land Use Adjustment Board.

Under the present charter, adopted in 1947, the city clerk is elected by the voters. The clerk has custody of all public records maintained by the city.

The treasurer also is elected by the voters and has charge of all funds collected and dispersed by the city.

**FORMATION** of the Land Use Adjustment Board would essentially take away from the City Council the power to grant zoning variances.

Under other provisions of the draft charter, the city Committee to coordinate op-

## Press-Herald Appoints Circulation Manager

Appointment of Clint Davey of Torrance as circulation manager of the Press-Herald was announced today by Reid L. Bundy, co-publisher and editor.

Davey, 32, joined King Williams Press, Inc., parent firm of the Press-Herald, five years ago as a truck driver in the circulation department. He was named assistant circulation manager in 1966.

A native of North Dakota, Davey was graduated in 1954 from Cavalier, N.D., High School and attended Mayville, N.D., State Teachers College for two years.

He came to California in 1957 and joined the Torrance Post Office, where he worked as a carrier, postal clerk, and supervisor.

Davey began his newspaper career as a carrier boy for the Grand Forks, N.D., Herald.

He and his wife, Ann, are parents of three boys: Billy, 11, is in the sixth grade at Howard Wood School; Bobby, 10, is a fifth-grader at Wood School; Ronny is 3 years old. The family lives at 2450 W. 238th St.

In his new capacity, Davey will be responsible for the



CLINT DAVEY  
Circulation Manager

supervision of 250 carrier boys employed by the Press-Herald and its companion newspaper, the Wilmington Press-Journal and Harbor Mail.

"I am very happy with this appointment," Davey said. "I am looking forward to the work and I believe you will see an improvement in the circulation of the Press-Herald."

## Signal Gets Priority

# Residents Win Crossing Guard

Parents of Meadow Park school children have won City Council approval of a plan to hire a crossing guard for the intersection of Lomita Boulevard and Ocean Avenue.

By a unanimous vote, councilmen also agreed with parents that a traffic signal should be installed at the crossing as soon as possible and assigned city traffic officials to give the signal high priority.

Mrs. Anne Heffron, 3927 W. 235th St., spokesman for parents, said she was advised that the intersection is 37th in line for traffic lights and that installation might be postponed for a year or more.

**MRS. HEFFRON** said she and her neighbors have waited two years for the signal and did not wish to wait

another year or more. She urged councilmen to give the signal "a more realistic place" on the list.

In outlining the problem for councilmen, Mrs. Heffron said that more than 600 children cross at the intersection twice each day. The present four-way stop sign at Lomita Boulevard and Ocean Avenue is inadequate for the four-lane crossing, she insisted.

Mrs. Heffron presented a petition bearing nearly 1,300 signatures of area residents requesting the new signal and crossing guard.

**CITY TRAFFIC** Engineer Arthur Horkay said the intersection does merit a traffic light, but that installation had been scheduled to take place when Lomita Boulevard is extended to Anza Avenue.

Horkay noted the signal would cost about \$20,000 and would take at least four months to install.

The residents' committee supporting the installation of traffic lights at that intersection is composed of representatives of the Meadow Park PTA, the Southwood Riviera Homeowners' Association, and the Seaside Community Church of Christ.

**SPEAKING** for the group, Mrs. Heffron also brought up the matter of the four-way stop at the intersection of 230th Street and Ocean Avenue. Horkay, she said, had urged removal of the stop signs.

"The residents of this area," Mrs. Heffron underlined, "are most emphatic in their belief that this boulevard stop sign is indispens-

able and must not be removed."

Councilmen promised that the sign would remain.

**IN FURTHER** action, the council overruled a Planning Commission recommendation in approving a zone change on property between Crenshaw Boulevard and Elie Avenue between the San Diego Freeway and 185th Street.

The property, currently zoned for single family homes and duplexes, was changed to commercial use for Cal Georgia Development.

The company hopes to build a service station and a restaurant on the land, where 10 homes now stand.

The City Council, however, maintained the right to reject any plans it deems unsuitable for the property.

## Two Killed in Vietnam - - -

A Torrance Navyman and a Lomita Marine have been killed in Vietnam, the Department of Defense has reported. The dead were identified as Navy hospital corpsman Dayne Y. Scott, husband of Mrs. Lynne Scott of 16116 Van Ness Ave., and Marine Pfc. Frederick R. Horridge, son of Frederick E. Horridge of 2169 W. 245th St., Lomita. No details about the deaths were announced.

## Endorsements Published - - -

In editorials appearing in today's editions, the Press-Herald is recommending a "Yes" vote on Proposition 9, the Watson Amendment which would limit property taxes to 1 per cent of the market value of the property. A "No" vote is recommended on Proposition 1-A, a tax-relief measure being submitted by the State Legislature. The Press-Herald also is recommending the election of Republican challenger Fred Fredricks in the 67th Assembly District. Today's editorials appear on Page C-2.

## Cities to Share Park - - -

An eyesore west of the intersection of Palos Verdes Boulevard and Catalina Avenue will be turned into a two-acre, landscaped park, following action at last night's City Council meeting. Councilmen voted unanimously to approve a joint powers agreement with the city of Redondo Beach to share cost and upkeep of the common park. Torrance will contribute \$8,708.10, Redondo Beach will pay \$8,814.90, and local merchants and organizations have collected \$12,871 to finance the venture.